

From: [Webster, Susan](#)
To: [Crossland, Ronnie](#)
Cc: [Smith, Monica](#); [Petersen, Chris](#); [Loesel, Matthew](#)
Subject: EPA Update 12/10/2018 2100 Trafalgar Road Fire
Date: Monday, December 10, 2018 9:02:03 PM
Attachments: [BT Brown Tree Services EPA Update 121018 2100.docx](#)
Importance: High

For consideration. I've keep the desk statement format/verbiage from David and added to it. susan

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EPA has obtained a technical consultant for the site. The technical expert is from the Office of Research and Development (ORD) and has extensive experience in landfill fire remediation. The expert will advise the stakeholders regarding the properties of the current fire and recommendations on preferred options to extinguish the underground fire quickly and with the lowest possible environmental and public health consequences. An EPA, State and ORD conference call and site visit is planned this week.

In addition, EPA agreed to provide scientific information to assist ADEQ in determining which benzene-sensing technology is available should the state decide an early warning detection system is needed. The sensing technology research is on-going and will be provided to ADEQ this week.

From: Crossland, Ronnie

Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 5:24 PM

To: Loesel, Matthew <loesel.matthew@epa.gov>

Cc: Smith, Monica <smith.monica@epa.gov>; Webster, Susan <webster.susan@epa.gov>; Petersen, Chris <petersen.chris@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: EPA Update 12/6/2018 Trafalgar Road Fire

My point is that the update should state something other than agreed to provide. Might just be able to add that we have initiated the research and will provide the results to ADEQ this week.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 10, 2018, at 5:13 PM, Loesel, Matthew <loesel.matthew@epa.gov> wrote:

We are putting together list that I sent to ADEQ people to review hope to have it to state by Wednesday

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On Dec 10, 2018, at 5:04 PM, Crossland, Ronnie <Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov> wrote:

Should we mention the scheduled call with ADEQ??? Where do we stand on the researching benzene-sensing technology??

Ronnie

From: Smith, Monica

Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 4:57 PM

To: Webster, Susan <webster.susan@epa.gov>; Petersen, Chris <petersen.chris@epa.gov>; Crossland, Ronnie <Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov>

Cc: Loesel, Matthew <loesel.matthew@epa.gov>

Subject: Fwd: EPA Update 12/6/2018 Trafalgar Road Fire

Matt updated the statement David sent out 12/6 and which Ronnie forwarded in his email.

Susan and Petersen anything else you want to add?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Loesel, Matthew" <loesel.matthew@epa.gov>
Date: December 10, 2018 at 4:45:46 PM CST
To: "Smith, Monica" <smith.monica@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Update 12/6/2018 Trafalgar Road Fire

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health consequences.

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From: Smith, Monica
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 4:33 PM
To: Loesel, Matthew <loesel.matthew@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: EPA Update 12/6/2018 Trafalgar Road Fire

Think this is what needs to be updated

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**Subject: FW: EPA Update 12/6/2018 Trafalgar
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FYI – this

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FYSA this went out yesterday.

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Greetings,
As promised on our telephone
call, below is our communication
update for your use. We look
forward to working with you.
David

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